

## **CORRECTED SPECIMEN BALLOTS SCHEDULED FOR MAILING**

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CONTACT:

Easton, Maryland (February 4, 2008) – The Talbot County Board of Elections has announced that it will be resending specimen ballots to **all** voters who are eligible to vote in next week's Presidential Primary Election. It is expected that the corrected specimen ballots will be mailed on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

The Talbot County Board of Elections recently learned that the data used to personalize the specimen ballots were incorrectly aggregated and resulted in incorrect ballots, political parties, and polling place assignments being printed in the specimen ballot. "We regret this error and assure voters that the integrity of voter registration data and other election information has not been affected by this administrative mistake," said Kathryne K. Middleton, President of the Talbot County Board of Elections. "We are in the process of reviewing how the data for the specimen ballot were produced and will implement corrective actions to ensure that future mailings are accurate and complete."

Talbot County voters can use the State Board of Elections' polling place locator at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us) (click "Where is your polling place?" on the right side of the homepage) to view their sample ballot and verify their assigned polling place location. Voters can also call the State Board of Elections at 800-222-8683 to obtain polling place information.

For next week's election, voters who are affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican Party or all registered voters who reside in Talbot County School Board Districts 2 and 6 are eligible to vote and will receive a corrected a specimen ballot. Before each election, the Talbot County Board of Elections mails to eligible voters a specimen ballot that provides voters with information about voting in the upcoming election.

Additional election-related dates and information are available at [www.elections.state.md.us](http://www.elections.state.md.us). For more information, voters may contact the Talbot County Board of Elections at 410-770-8099 or the State Board of Elections at 1-800-222-8683.

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